

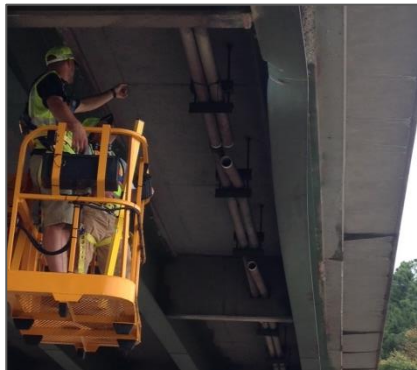
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*I-20 Bridge Damaged...*

## **Warren Road Bridge Closed Until Further Notice**

**AUGUSTA-** A commercial vehicle carrying an excavator damaged the Warren Road Bridge over Interstate 20 shortly before eastbound Exit 199 today. A small amount of debris fell from the bridge's underside after the impact along with several pieces of conduit piping being displaced, but no vehicles or members of the public were harmed. The overpass structure, resting at mile marker 198, was closed to thru traffic around noon to allow for proper inspections by Georgia Department of Transportation. Based on the damage done to beams No. 1 and No. 5 within span No. 2 and some visible issues with a couple of concrete diaphragms, the bridge is closed until further notice.



Both Georgia DOT District and State engineers will continue to analyze the underside of the Warren Road Bridge after corrective work is completed Wednesday, July 14. The Department will revisit the area tomorrow morning to place more permanent barricades to block vehicles from traversing the overpass. Also, District Bridge Maintenance engineers will make repairs to the damaged areas.

The traveling public can expect one or possibly two temporary I-20 eastbound lane closures tomorrow around mile marker 198 in the vicinity of the bridge while the Department goes to work. Once this work is done, the Warren Road Bridge will remain closed until additional inspections are made, and the proper course of action is set. All decisions are made with safety as the top priority. Bear with us as we work to correct the structure and seek alternate routes to find your destination.

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